



CROP-WEATHER REPORT

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Week of August 8 - August 14, 2005

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cool weather brings needed rain.

Small grain harvest continues ahead of average pace.

Corn and dry beans also progressing ahead of average.

Daytime temperatures were mostly in the mid 80's to upper 90's, while nighttime temperatures were in the mid 40's to mid 50's. Cooler temperatures later in the week were accompanied by good precipitation, especially in eastern parts of the State. The first frost in some low areas occurred in the West.

As of August 14, 41 percent of the State had adequate topsoil moisture, 4 points above last week. Supplies were well ahead of the 5-year average of 14 percent. Irrigation water supplies were adequate or surplus in 64 percent of the State, 25 points better than last year. Some southwestern areas reported some irrigation restrictions.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

| TOPSOIL | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | Percent | | | |
| Very Short | 13 | 15 | 31 | 45 |
| Short | 46 | 48 | 43 | 41 |
| Adeq | 41 | 37 | 26 | 14 |
| Surp | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

| ITEM | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | Percent | | | |
| Barley Turn Color | 94 | 90 | 95 | 96 |
| Barley Mature | 81 | 66 | 75 | 81 |
| Barley Harvested | 60 | 42 | 44 | 54 |
| Oats Turn Color | 87 | 77 | 76 | 84 |
| Oats Mature | 66 | 56 | 52 | 60 |
| Oats Harvested | 46 | 34 | 38 | 35 |
| Spring Wheat Mature | 92 | 66 | 60 | 70 |
| Spring Wheat Harvested | 68 | 36 | 43 | 39 |
| Corn Tasseled | 90 | 82 | 94 | 95 |
| Corn Silked | 77 | 62 | 63 | 80 |
| Corn Milk | 61 | 22 | 23 | 50 |
| Corn Dough | 21 | - | 6 | 17 |
| Dry Beans Bloom | 96 | 87 | 91 | 94 |
| Dry Beans Set Pod | 87 | 83 | 68 | 76 |
| Dry Beans Turn Color | 6 | 0 | 2 | 16 |
| Alfalfa Second Cut | 49 | 33 | 44 | 56 |
| Other Hay Harvested | 80 | 73 | 66 | 81 |

FIELD CROP REPORT: With precipitation across the State, an average of 5.7 days were suitable for field work. Over 80 percent of the barley reached maturity, on average pace. Barley harvest was 60 percent complete, continuing ahead of last year and average. The condition of oats and spring wheat slipped slightly from last week. Two-thirds of the oats were mature, 14 points ahead of last year and 6 points ahead of average. Oats harvest was 46 percent complete, ahead of average by 11 points. Spring wheat was 92 percent mature, 22 points higher than average. Spring wheat was two-thirds harvested, 29 points ahead of average.

Sugarbeets remained in good condition. For the third straight week, 87 percent of the beets were in good or excellent condition. Corn condition showed some improvement with 17 percent rated excellent, a 10 point increase from last week. Corn had reached milk stage in 61 percent of the crop, ahead of average by 11 points. Dry beans were setting pods in 87 percent of the crop, also 11 points ahead of average. The second cutting of alfalfa was nearing the half-way mark, ahead of last year by 5 points but 7 points behind average pace. All other hay cutting was at 80 percent complete, near the average.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

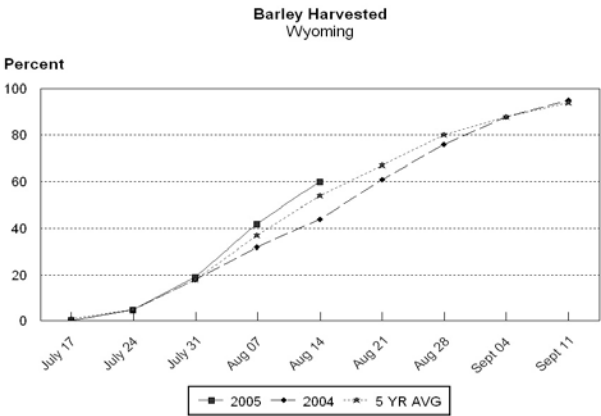
| ITEM | V POOR | POOR | FAIR | GOOD | EXCEL |
|------------|---------|------|------|------|-------|
| | Percent | | | | |
| Oats | 0 | 3 | 36 | 59 | 2 |
| Spring Wht | 0 | 4 | 54 | 39 | 3 |
| Corn | 0 | 0 | 21 | 62 | 17 |
| Sugarbeets | 0 | 0 | 13 | 82 | 5 |
| Dry Beans | 0 | 0 | 10 | 90 | 0 |

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Little change was shown in range and pasture feed supplies. At week's end, 51 percent was good to excellent, 39 points ahead of last year. Livestock were faring well with conditions rated at 87 percent good and 4 percent excellent, 22 points ahead of last year.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | Percent | | | |
| Very Poor | 4 | 3 | 31 | 29 |
| Poor | 11 | 12 | 31 | 27 |
| Fair | 34 | 34 | 26 | 31 |
| Good | 46 | 46 | 9 | 12 |
| Excellent | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 |

WEATHER SUMMARY: For the week ending Friday, August 12th, temperatures were mostly above normal and ranged from 1.4 degrees below normal in Worland to 3.9 degrees above normal in Evanston. The high temperature was 100 in Redbird and the low was 31 in Jackson. Cool, wet conditions moved across Wyoming late in the week. All stations received some rain. Redbird reported the most precipitation with 1.42 inches, Newcastle with 1.11 inches, Kaycee with 1.05 inches, and 0.95 inch in Casper.



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 12, 2005

| TEMPERATURE : PRECIPITATION | | | | | | | | |
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| | : | : | : | : | : | : | CUMULATIVE | 1/ |
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| | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : |
| | : | : | : | DEP. | AMT. | DEP. | 1/05 | : NORM : |
| | : | : | : | FROM | PAST | FROM | TO | THRU : DEP. |
| STATION | : | MAX | MIN | NORM | WEEK | NORM | DATE | WEEK : NORM |
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| SNAKE DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Jackson | | 88 | 31 | 1.6 | 0.10 | -0.22 | 8.75 | 10.85 -2.10 |
| Afton | | 87 | 41 | 2.4 | 0.03 | -0.29 | 12.64 | 11.50 1.14 |
| GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Uinta County AP | | 84 | 47 | 3.9 | 0.16 | -0.06 | 7.40 | 7.01 0.39 |
| Big Piney AP | | 84 | 37 | 3.1 | 0.03 | -0.20 | 7.85 | 4.80 3.05 |
| Rock Springs AP | | 90 | 47 | 2.5 | 0.10 | -0.04 | 5.43 | 6.11 -0.68 |
| BIG HORN DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Cody | | 91 | 51 | 0.4 | 0.56 | 0.33 | 8.70 | 7.52 1.18 |
| Deaver | | 93 | 52 | 2.4 | 0.08 | -0.06 | 6.14 | 4.01 2.13 |
| Greybull AP | | 94 | 51 | -0.1 | 0.30 | 0.18 | 4.72 | 5.15 -0.43 |
| Powell Field St | | 95 | 53 | 2.7 | 0.39 | 0.25 | 7.39 | 5.34 2.06 |
| Worland FAA AP | | 94 | 52 | -1.4 | 0.26 | 0.12 | 5.34 | 5.46 -0.12 |
| POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Kaycee | | 96 | 50 | 1.9 | 1.05 | 0.82 | 10.38 | 9.56 0.82 |
| Sheridan WSO AP | | 94 | 50 | 0.2 | 0.32 | 0.12 | 13.37 | 10.04 3.33 |
| BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Dillinger | | 98 | 47 | 1.1 | 2.06 | 1.76 | 13.34 | 10.61 2.73 |
| CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Newcastle | | 99 | 55 | 3.4 | 1.11 | 0.66 | 11.55 | 11.32 0.23 |
| Redbird | | 100 | 51 | 2.2 | 1.42 | 1.02 | 12.08 | 11.30 0.78 |
| LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Archer | | 94 | 48 | 1.5 | 0.34 | -0.20 | 12.94 | 12.11 0.83 |
| Casper AP | | 94 | 54 | 1.4 | 0.95 | 0.74 | 8.11 | 9.05 -0.94 |
| Cheyenne AP | | 91 | 54 | 2.2 | 0.47 | -0.03 | 10.04 | 11.37 -1.33 |
| Chugwater | | 92 | 52 | 1.5 | 0.42 | -0.03 | 11.95 | 11.38 0.57 |
| Douglas AP | | 97 | 51 | 3.5 | 0.67 | 0.42 | 7.17 | 9.26 -2.09 |
| Torrington AP | | 97 | 55 | 1.8 | 0.50 | 0.17 | 11.87 | 10.09 1.78 |
| Wheatland 4 N | | 94 | 51 | 0.2 | 0.75 | 0.39 | 11.31 | 9.52 1.79 |
| WIND RIVER DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Lander AP | | 92 | 52 | 1.4 | 0.17 | 0.01 | 8.49 | 9.02 -0.53 |
| Riverton AP | | 94 | 51 | 3.6 | 0.10 | -0.04 | 5.12 | 5.97 -0.85 |
| UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE | | | | | | | | |
| Laramie AP | | 86 | 45 | 1.3 | 0.17 | -0.14 | 7.35 | 7.89 -0.54 |
| Rawlins AP | | 91 | 47 | 2.6 | 0.25 | 0.05 | 6.29 | 6.47 -0.18 |
| Saratoga | | 85 | 45 | 1.0 | 0.37 | 0.10 | 6.89 | 6.75 0.14 |
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